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629 E - Capital St., Washington, D.C.
Sunday, Aug

Dear Mother;

My last few letters have been to father, so now I write to you. I failed in my special purpose in addressing my letters to him for not one of the direct questions asked was answered in the several letters which he has written me lately.

I am glad to tell you that yesterday I was promoted from \$1400 to \$1500. Mr. True had endeavored to have this done 13 months ago & again before his recent trip. Returning & finding it not done he exerted himself again & this time succeeded. As I was the only one of the editors promoted this year I feel the honor almost as much as the extra \$100. (Since learned of another promotion)

Mr. True expresses regret at the possibility of losing me but is anxious to aid me for Auburn, provided he is not officially barred, which he thinks would be the case if Prof. Bonduant's chair has not been formally declared vacant. I had was sure for a while but been taken out

2 suggested his writing a preliminary letter to Dr. Brown to get official notice that the chair is "officially" vacant. If so informed he will exert himself for me; if matters are at all in doubt or unsettled, or not officially settled, he will probably have to remain silent.

Tell father Mr. True informs me that more than a year ago Dr. B. made inquiry of him as to me, - having in view some position at Auburn. This is the most encouraging thing I have heard. He had also made inquiry of Gen. Lee concerning me before Prof. Newman left Ala., & had received a strong letter from the Gen.

I have asked Gen. Lee to write to Dr. B. at once, or if he has already done so, to some trustee.

Mr. True thinks it might be well for me to go to Ala. & see some of the Trustees, also Dr. B.

It might be embarrassing to visit Auburn now, & by posting Col. B., Newman, & others as to my candidacy, might even give them some advantage. I will come if father thinks best, - I have several times asked him about coming, but all his

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letters have ignored this. Please ask him & write me soon.

Mr. True also thinks I should get prominent Alabamians to work for me.

If time sufficient remains I expect to write to the following:

no good - Dr. A. S. Andrews, Greensboro (V)
Judge H. P. Vaughan^(S.W.), Birmingham^(V) or Selma^(V)
Ed. Vaughan, Mobile.
Wm. C. Harris, Leeds, England.
Rev. Frank Peterson, Selma.
See Mr. Rev. C. L. Branson, a collegemate at Grb., &
B. & H. formerly pastor of Meth. church at Decatur.
Gov. Thos. Sear, Greensboro (V),
" " Judge Mr. Taylor, (where) -
Mr. Rich.

I want father to consider the propriety of his writing Judge Manfin & Mr. Turpin & to let me know at once whether he writes or not.

I shall write to Uncle Harris asking him to consider writing to Judge Somerville (of N.Y. City?).

The request, so couched as to permit of easy declination, will be to write to ^{some} one of the trustees endorsing or proposing me for the place, - provided the addressed considers himself sufficiently well acquainted with the any one of the trustees to be of real influence.

If father sees anybody for the same purpose he might speak to ~~Dr.~~ Mr. Browder. If he thinks it better for me to write Millie I will do so, provided I hear from father soon to this effect.

Tom Knight of Greensboro, a class mate of mine was a hard worker for Col. Bates & may have some influence there. However his position towards ag. institutions I judge to be hostile, for he introduced a bill to abolish the Carbrake Sta. I think.

If I could see him he might help me, but I am undecided about writing to him. I will be glad to hear any comment from father on this subject.

Please tell father that if he should get notice of a board meeting at an early date it might be ^{so} important for me to know of it immediately as to justify a telegram simply naming month & day, - 2 words. If it were not desirable to send this from Gallion, VanDorn or Foursdale might be reached.

In a recent article in his paper "Agricultural South" Prof Newman greatly praises Prof Bondurant & de

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criticizes Dr. Brown for not being
able to "put himself in sympathy
with the great mass of the people".
It appears that Prof. M. will support
Col. Bt., but I should think this
would not greatly strengthen the latter
with Dr. Brown.

I shall write Ben & ask
if he thinks it advisable for him to
write any of his friends - possibly
Mr. Minnie Walker, Col. Davidson,
Dr. Mohr, & others, - requesting ^{each}
them to communicate with some
one trustee, if sufficiently acquainted.

Is it cousin Carter Adams
in Montgomery? If I should come home
soon I am uncertain whether it would be
wiser to come by Auburn ^{first} see Col. Dr. Brown
& thus reveal my candidacy early, or
to go first to Mtg'g & see the trustees
in that vicinity first.

We expect to move
Wednesday or Thursday. I will write you
later of the house selected, or Fannie will.
We thank you heartily for the ~~the~~ offer of
preserving pears, but considering the freight
& breaking to Washington, think ~~you~~
we had best not accept your offer. If we
were sure of Auburn we would say "yes" ^{quicker}.

Please ask Father if
he can lay his hand on the two copies
of ^{testimonials} sent him ~~along~~ ⁱⁿ last year, -
in case I should later need one
of those copies.

Later. - Father's letter just recd. I will write to parties mentioned on p 2 of this letter this p.m.; also probably to Tom Knapp. From the tenor of father's letter I judge that if should come home I should gain nothing by coming via Auburn.

1402-1907
PerishUnion Depot Kan. Cy.
5:50 P.M.

Dear Hart, Sweetheart,

Everything is going
along smoothly thus far. I have a
"lower" to Ogden (near Salt Lake Cy),
and from that point an upper,
with good prospect of exchanging the latter.
It was a long tedious wait in Centrally,
and I felt like coming home to
Dollykins.

Mrs. Mumford, Miss Mary Fitch,
Mr. Peters (Key. school teacher) and Miss
Knight, of my acquaintances, were
on the train, — all bound for
K. Cy. I must get my coupon ticket now.

O Love, Sweet Love, my Love, I Love
Kiss Babykins and Nance, hug babykins, and
love your own
Hubbards.

[1908?] Tuesday 2/8 -
Dear Marie! -

You will excuse
the pencil - I am sure
when I tell you, we are
in the "Grand Avenue
Hotel" - so far safely
thru our travel, we
reached Meridian at
2.25 P.M. - a pleasant
journey made spec-
ially so by Ben's
careful attention to
details - The little car
Cafe furnished us
a nice warm break-
fast - which we en-
joyed after a real

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good night's rest. — Babie's
sprawling & the tooting of trains
had no dire effect upon either
of us. This morning when I
greeted Mrs D she was fresh
& ready for the day — having
been up possibly an hour
before me.

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We met no acquaintances - nor formed any - & time passed agreeably talking & thinking of the pleasant & much ^{high} to be remembered, to Columbia, and the good people we left behind us. Va Avenue & we will not cease to thank you & Ben for the zeal and

lavish hospitality you furnished & sources of amusement. The sweet little ^{ones} will always have our affectionate regard & Love. To be quickly mailed I must say goodbye. Love & Kisses to all - Your lunch highly satisfied - { Affectionately, Mr Father. *Wm. S. Garrison* }

[1905?]

Mendocino
Tuesday 4 P.M.

My dear Son

We arrived on time & after waiting in the depot one hour to take care of the 'luggage' while your Father went up town, I am seated on rather a chilly room, but will retire early to keep warm, he is standing on the street I suppose. It is a queer room!

We had a good nights rest & a nice breakfast in the dining car (my first experience) My! how nice every thing is, & what a quantity is served to one order!

We thought we would have a baked apple a piece to begin with, I

were astonished when 2 tumblers
 of stout ones came in for each of
 us, they looked too big to tashle
 but I made way with one. We
 are learning almost too late how
 to order.

We went up stairs at St Louis
 last night & the places seemed
 grander than ever. Our Father
 was amused that I would sit
 drink after seeing half a dozen
 ladies & gentlemen!! of color,
 would up & help them selves, it
 would not do for me to live in
 the western states.

I thought of you all as much

last night, hope you reached home safely, & that babies did not suffer much at the hands of the dentist, & the children did not take much cold from their walks; there were several babies on the train today but none to compare with our grand baby. One was a tiny little thing, not so young, but so small.

Now I must thank you again for the sleeping ticket. I was surprised to learn you had engaged it for me, but that

so like you, always so kind &
solicitous of me. I do not know
how to thank you & Maria for all
your kindness to us, making the
visit so pleasant, & long to be
remembered. The Columbus friends
too added to the pleasure of the
visit & I hope they will understand
we greatly appreciated their atten-
tions. Maria must tell Mrs
Belden we enjoyed the cakes
very much. Maria's lunch was so
nice. Kiss the children for me &
accept much love for all from
Your devoted
Mother.
I wrote you a sketch
of a card at St Louis last night.

Mentie: write me all that
 sh + also of Charles &
 will keep my thing to
 myself. Aggravate &
 the children as well as
 Mr & Mrs. Linn. tried with
 us one of mat. & one sent
 lady gave us a beautiful
 & delightful dinner -
 Willie & Charles sent
 us chicks. Sub. Long &
 his wife silent - Willie
 also sent Aggravate & D.
 Sub. say nothing of this
 he is so generous & thought
 ful: Ben's card & Papa's
 is like Ben's exactly & since
 14 sentiment - Papa's is a
 bit more cheerful & joyous

[illegible]

1907

Please send Leitch
 enclose this Ribbon for
 Sister Maria. Rogers
 has been "Acad. Hall"
 here. I don't know their
 address in Ithaca.
 Please when you write
 let me know their No.
 I am your devoted sister
 "Hall"

Part of letter to B.H.H. where is other part?
Wash. D.C. 1935

 to China town for dinner,
visited the neighboring
Little Italy which was
celebrating the Festa of
St. Vincent with ^{July 1935} parades,
music and booths, crossed over
(walked) Brooklyn Bridge on the stroke
of midnight, visited the new
slum apartment building which
has attracted the wealthy
instead of the poor, and then
boarded the 'Bremen'
and saw the whole "works"
before she sailed. How's that
for one little evening? Then
back to Anne's for cider and

to his wife. They invited me to
come and meet some English
people just docking the next
morning and have dinner with
them, but of course I had to refuse.
And to my surprise I knew sev-
eral other people at the wedding,
though Char and Mary Kay didn't.
The groom seemed very nice, but
of course we didn't get to know
him. I was so sorry not to get
to Louise's but the time just flew
by. Sunday afternoon Char took
me to the Waldorf for cocktails which
of course was a thrill and I called
Lee up and had to refuse an invita-
tion to the Sleepy Hollow Country Club.
Such a week-end! I'll have to see
Louise and Lee another time. There are
all the details! Love, Nancy.

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then to Columbia with Chart for the night. Met more girls I knew the following morning at Columbia and then out to the Sunnyside School on Long Island to see Mary Kay Mershon. Went over the whole School (Christian Scientist for boys & girls) and had a grand visit. Two o'clock saw us off for the wedding — and what a wedding! More than 250 people but the three of us were the only ones from school except for the matron of honor, the only attendant. Every detail was there — the throwing of the bridal bouquet which Chart almost caught, ~~toasts~~

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to the bride in champagne (my first) a beautiful ceremony, pictures, dancing, eating and the get-away among myriads of confetti and rice. To all inquiries of where they were going we only got the answer "Ducks Hunting"! I slept three nights on my piece of cake with nothing a dream! Pop may remember when I went on a bat to Milwaukee to hear a Mr. Robt. Murphy lecture on his whaling experiences — well I saw him, he remembered me, said Drier's and my piece of poetry was his proudest possession and introduced me

Letter from Maria Robertson Duggar
before her marriage, to her sister, Alice Robertson
Parsons. Mr. Dick = B.M.D.

Congratulations sweet Alice,
May you have many many
happy returns of the day
and such to brighten and
more joyful than to previous.
I intended to write you yesterday
so that you would be sure and
get it on your birthday. I hope
however that this will be too late.

Dear Papa wrote that you were
all to go on a picnic to Hampton
to-day and I so hope that
you will have beautiful bright

The Millers left for Buffalo where
they will spend a week seeing
the sights and then go on to Detroit
for a week. Mrs. Miller speaks
there before the National Educational
Association. So Miss Rogers, Mr.
Buck and I, compose the family
at present (always including our
angel Cynthia). She, however, came
Monday and we will have to find
for ourselves or take our meals
out. I think I will leave here
(with Mr. Day) on Wednesday afternoon
at five and go on to Buffalo.
Elizabeth wants me to stay with her.
You see if I go to her in September
I am afraid I wouldn't have much

weather. We are having a mean
cloudy day. Until these schools
start, though, we had fine weather.
Sunday, the Bascom House service was
preached at four o'clock, but Mr. Buck
and I drove to Infield instead. This
was a sleigh-ride but winter has
been the only reminder of that is the
only successors of my many many
Barham drives. Did you ever go
through the gorge at Infield? It is
such a beautiful, majestic place! It
was the most beautiful afternoon and
we took along some books and had
a good time, arriving home at about
eight. (It was still bright daylight so
don't be shocked!) Monday

of a time and ⁴. I certainly wouldn't
see the fair one if I went to
East Amherst. Then too I want to see
dear old Chuck and Mr. Duck
wants me to go while he is there so
we can see things together. We will
meet the boys, see the illuminations
and as much of the fair as we
can crowd in and I leave Friday
afternoon or night for Boston arriving
in Durham sometime Saturday.
I must have to change cars either so
that will be nice. Sent it a shame
that I have to take that long hot
journey to Boston all alone and
a few days later Mr. Duck will have
to do likewise, when if he could
only ~~unreign~~ some ancient spirits

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into chaperoning, etc. it would all
change as society. Mr. Durk has
to make some sort of botanical
trip down the Hudson so he may
arrange to go as far as Albany
with me. In that case I will take
an afternoon train or something
which will make it entirely proper
night water? Do you think it would
be entirely improper if he should
come on to Boston? How I wish
it would not! He could go down
to Cambridge and see Prof. Huxley
a few days ago as not to shock the
Durham people. Write and tell
me what to do. I don't want to
shock any one but I think ourselves
are sometimes absurd. I have

little too ambitious. There I wore it
again last night to the ball. The
decorations were as pretty last night
pink and white. You now would have
recognized the old army. Then they
had a tent outside connecting with
the north side of the army dressed
in small colors & in which luncheon
and ~~tailor~~ were served. It was
very nice and cool out there. We
were in the kappa Sigma box.

And just think how good Sam
getting (or is it blue?). We
stayed only until two o'clock
and the ball lasted till six!

But the heavy did me up for
a week and I decided it was
too foolish and I had too much

such a pretty ring. Allie darling. Ben
brought it back with him last Saturday.
The stone is deeper larger & deeper than ~~any~~
other one (which went back with the pearl
pin, this morning) and is a beauty.
Hae - tiffany setting. ^{She was previously}
engaged to someone else.
I'm going to stop right here and
thank you for that beautiful dress you
dear sweet girl. It was just the loveliest
surprise and you are just too good
and kind. Everyone in the house
has gone into raptures over it. Thank
you again and again for it. It arrived
late Saturday afternoon and it fits
like a glove. Couldn't have been better.
I wore it Monday night to the Masque.
They gave Shakespeare's Lament of the
dew and it was very good, just a

to do, this work. Yesterday morning
at nine thirty we went to the
Class Day exercises in the Armory,
Miss Rogers & I. They were very interesting
then to leave for the gymnasium
& Boardman Hall where the day
was to be planted & the Day Oration
delivered. A big storm was coming
up so it was not rather short & the
rest of the program which was planned
to take place on the campus was
carried out in the Library. There the
Bible & History & Presentation
of the Bible & other things came
off. Tonight we are going to the
concert, Miss Rogers, Ben and I.
Here tomorrow the Amusement
Gymnasium and Savings will settle

down for the summer. I shall be
rather glad for I must get a tremendous
amount of work done before I leave.

Prof Bailey left for California
Monday on the same train with
the Millers. I have a few drawings
still to finish for him. & see numerous
amb. for Miss Rogers & Mr. Smith.

I got up at half past eight
especially to write to you. and
right in the midst that mean
old postman came. But then

will go this afternoon and
so hope write later, although
it seems late that it will surely

to you a little of the great love
I have for the dearest girl in the world.
Ben says that he is going to write

immediately & answer that exact
letter of yours. He was troubled & dealt
with it. Please write soon and tell
me when he can come & what to do
about it. Don't let mamma & Papa
think of starting for months after
some. I'm not just young & naive
& less than them say good bye like
I did at Moll's wedding. I want to see
them. I am getting as crazy to see
you & don't know what to do. Do please
tell the children who I am if they
have forgotten me. Love them all dearly.
I am going to write to dear Chas today.
Just think a week from Sat. I will
be with you! Tell dear Daddy I will
write to him soon. I am so sorry his
letter didn't come until last night.
With much much love to many many
dear ones & all I am your very loving
Minnie.

[illegible]

them that give him, & I
hope we are among that number
& are things will come out
right. "Mellie" & "Papa" are back at
my "Mellie" heads together, but
Douglass keeps his ears open
& last evening wanted to know
how I would like to go back
to Mulroyle? I should not
beat my heart if I did. You
"Papa" & I were together & we
could do as we pleased; & then
my darling you could come
sometimes to visit your "Mama"
ma. I don't feel badly about
my writing plainly in my
last letter. I am only looking
to your future happiness &
I don't want you to marry

several times. The nurse
has married. I wish if she
had known her circumstances
she would rather have taken
care of herself. & Alice told
Reggie & myself last Sun-
day that if she had her life
to lead over she would not
have married so young. Her
judgment was not formed.
Now that is what I think
about you dearie & you
may blame your parents
in the end. "Papa" & Mr.
Whitney are corresponding &
your father with absolute
would not say anything now
about it here, he only wants
naturally to know something

State of health &
prospects! My Father just
knew very closely the man
who professed to his daughter
for he is a suave man;
we all love & admire you.
Darling & only wish for your
happiness. Does Mr. Abbott
say, think of having Arthur?
Mr. "Cunell" you both could
be at work. Say you go on
with your art. Would you
could be always able to sup-
port yourself. No matter -
what would say overtake
your father. Just as Mr.
Cunell does, I ^{deeply} regret
that I am not, help sustain-
ing, but they grow old. Passed
in a different age. I have
not been out since I came

Mr. Winesby, of
East Aurora,
N.Y. DeLieu,
was very cul-
tured and intelli-
gent but crippled,
and many in the
family were upset
at the engagement,
which was later
broken. N.A.

well - clear,
you collect
as well - getting.
And not
Dear West
Long Melbourne
Post office at
once and
reclaim my
savings -
only the little
do you like
me. I'm
your
I'm
My own precious & Husband,
I Long

I know that you are well again.
I went down to the Post
Office this afternoon to see if
there wasn't a letter from you
but it was closed when she reached
it. So darling keep well and
take the greatest care of your
dear self. I Long & is with you
and if I had the money

I am a mixture of some thoughts -
and many flippancies? Admit you
wouldn't be me half so dear if I were
more perfect? And for the sake of my
soul if I should shed those trappings
of my nature and thus I & K always
a purposeful, serious-minded creature
shouldn't I miss an element in your
love for me which itself endears your
love as well as you & me.

For you do love me, don't you? And
if I didn't like pretty clothes & little
light and harmless things I should be
old and the bane of human existence
is that. It is the charm of transience
that makes life & love so sweet and yet
we know as we grow old that those
stabler virtues will come. "Some grow old
with me, the rest is yet to be". But who
knows if it is not lack of phosphorus?

Don't you see how I need you if
I can mean der like this? But don't be
troubled of your poor pendulum. My centre
is well-balanced! For my centre is you
and as Dr Hully said the other night he
and you are little fixed stars!

And Mrs Hully said your neckties and
collars she had always admired - your ties so

I would come right to you.
I can hardly wait now until
you can come home. These last
days will be the hardest of all
for I shall be all impatience.
I am so lonely and want you
here to talk to you and comfort
you or if you are well to
talk to me and make me
gay. It is a gray existence without
you — though it has been
quiet and peaceful!

Would you like me to be
a more serious-minded person?
Or don't you like me just because

They both attend splendid private schools
here which are connected with the
University, so my fortunately we
have no tuition & pay. Nancy
is the light of our home & gets
prettier and cuter every day. Ben
and I had her on the street-car
recently and she amused everyone
by constantly calling out "I like & go.
Oh I like & go." And for a two-
year old she certainly does. Takes
after her mother I suspect. St.
Louis is delightful socially &
there is a constant round of things.
I rush about as a general thing
taking a peck at my family now

and then send down head
foremost into the Art School and
my modelling in between times.
Yes, though I am inconsequent
as ever, I had a portrait of Dr.
Hilly, the philosopher in the
Sculpture section of the Annual
Art Exhibit this spring. I may
modestly admit that it wasn't much
good that is something I get past
the judges and maybe in future
years they may let me in with something
more while. Lest you think me
lacking meantime in civic pride
I also contributed to the Made in St
Louis - Show at the Coliseum a
bar-relief of Harry. How

wouldn't Joe have to be proud of me! I
have a deep regret that he will never
know that his inspiration has fringed at
last! - But that's botanical. How would you
express it plastically "Lander"?

We are members of several clubs and
when a particularly attractive invitation to
join something else comes along we resign
from one to join this next. Does roll
up enormously and Ben says will have to
resign from church next!

We flitted from our apartment last fall
and are in a new house on a private
street. It is so quiet & pretty & no house
opposite as we are across from the Courant
grounds. We have been making flower beds
& borders and Ben even has a vegetable garden
the size of a postage stamp.

Some people have the idea that I am not
practical (surely you girls never felt that way did
you?) but when Ben asked me what I wanted for
my birthday I told him linoleum for the bath-
room floor. So he gave it to me & added there to
a shower bath. We are now fixed & spend the
summer in St. Louis. People read, write letters,
& even eat in the bath tub all summer.

With that prospect before me I wish Woods
sounds just too attractive. Wouldn't it be fun & have
a picnic there. Even if I can't get there I do hope the rest
of you will all manage it & have one grand old time. With
devotion & love to each & every one of you I am ever your game
sincerely & affectionate Maria.

[illegible]

I write at once to thank you
for the dainty gift which I
shall take great pleasure in en-
joying with a Whopper or "La gomme"
just to make it in colour, but
that be fully? & most ob. please.

My dear
Mother
I am
so happy
that you are
comfortably & pleasantly situated
& are making friends; I can
claim relationship & I trust
identify Roosevelt if she
is the mother of
the one I am related to here.
My father's side through
Senator Mowrey & father the
Cotton claim which should

through the Stofos on my
mother's side. This is authentic
taken in the "History & Genealogy
of the families & Pedigrees
& De Beaux". My Grandmother
had a De Beaux. I have
not a copy of the book but my
father had it, & wrote me
all about our relationship to
Louis Ledy. I wish he were
at President of the Senate, my
Senator Mowrey & father the
Cotton claim which should

be concluding this session
of Congress. My nephew Robert
Chisolm of Birmingham Ala-
bama, originally from Charleston
has recently had an interview
with the President & I hope it
may amount to something. He
is my nephew & a very smart
& interesting young man. I
have a sister widow of Judge
Hardaway of Georgia who is
entitled to \$80,000 from a cotton
claim & is now dependant
on my Brother. It does not seem

I have just received from
 the South of the
 north of the
 brought. Charles Portant wanted
 to be surrounded by a Dr. I don't
 whether he intends to let the
 in the go. "Cata" is in paper. but
 the Dr. says. He has sent me a box of
 apples. I wish your nice will be
 directed to enjoy them. Does the
 still supply you? What a treat. I
 they have given you; I wonder
 how you have made so many friends
 among such a nice set; & good
 for Dr. it is, do you get it at
 with it. Now tell me everything
 long. There is no question if
 at home. They are all trying to
 kill me with a chaffin. The doctor
 & chemist. I don't know. He told you
 \$1.00. The Farmers are poor and
 these apples & wheat are sold.

So it was best we did not
know each other. About the
young Quaker we may
be ready to go together
to Hagerstown, but I will
keep you informed,
The Quakers close I
have also told you
\$5.00. Please talk with
I have also enclosed
the money I see how they
are getting on, with
I have been thinking
of you & how you operate
that you are doing it -
I am so glad to hear of you
I am so glad to hear of you

darling is well. Will be so
glad to see Mr. "Duck". I will
give him your address 13 Wagon
road. But think it strange if
you won't be there at the time.
Aggie says you & Will might be
have a little wedding. I
think Long has chosen a beau-
tiful name for his little daughter
& she will have also the
mother's middle name. Love
& best wishes to Long Willie
& Alice. I will write to "Papa"
soon. I fancy you & Mrs.
"Daddy" are now at the theatre
& the latter especially, as usual, as
he generally is. How many
nice presents you received,
Alice must not forget to tell all.

Your Father
 got a
 little of your
 hair. I have
 made it
 a pendant
 for you. I hope
 you will like it.
 I have just read your dear
 letter, & as you did not mention
 the receipt of my presents, I do
 not know if they reached you.
 I sent the box to "West Union at
 Buffalo New York". I hope Ed
 is well again. Papa & I
 receive also. and glad my

[illegible]

I am glad Darling you keep
well & are happy, Poor Mrs.
Glover. I feel sorry for him
but you can't have too many
things to your loss, I wonder
what chance Mr. James took
to escape without his wife?
Mr. Durham very dull now
where are Alice, Blanche & Fanny
& Miss Mrs. Baker spend the
summer in Durham? I
long secret to have you well
but I wish Alice could
stay away from home until she
gets stronger. Charles is up
very, on one tree, Mr. A. Home

Dec 29^m

12 PORTLAND PLACE
SAINT LOUIS

My dear Mrs. Dargen
I'd expected surely to go
to see you yesterday to
thank you in person for
your Christmas gift. Which
filled me with delight.

The fair thing — and
the pairs — in my behalf
quite broke me up. I'm
in love with the plate
itself — Library — Hospital
— London! — So closely
combined — I've always

Wanted a book-plate. &
now had one before - I was
thus doing me - in this
surprise way! —

Indeed I thank you. —
and shall have great
pleasure in many thanks
greeting.

I'm sure you're all
had if well, a lovely
holiday — and earnestly
wish for you. The
best New Year son —
faithfully
C. M. C. & C. M. C.

Wednesday 22nd

My dear Lou

Lennie has carried my pen
& ink up stairs so I will use a pencil
rather than go up for it. I am expecting
Miss Lou Browder to call for me to go
dining with her this evening as time is
precious, I intended writing this morning
but the house work, chickens, butter &c
took up the whole morning. I am without
a house girl at present, have the
promise of one in about a week, until
that time I will have every thing to do.
I was glad to receive your letter this
morning, reckon you did not much
like Mrs Koford's leaving & turning her
boarders over to some one else, I hope
she will not be absent a long time, I

do wish you could see the roses, they
are prettier than I ever saw them, if
I could only put into your room a bunch
of lovely buds, fresh with the morning dew
I know you would enjoy them. The garden
bush of Marshall's Veil has such splendid
roses, none ever out when I sent the box.
The weather now is as warm as June, &
everything so fresh & green. Peaches are as
large as my thumb, pears quite scarce,
the late frosts did kill them. This morning
I picked a small bunch of strawberries from
the garden, the birds appropriate most of
them. The grape vines give promise of an
abundant crop this summer, yesterday
evening I was pinching back the shoots
it was quite a job & I did not get
half through, expected to finish this
evening but thought best to make the
visit when the opportunity occurs. Miss Lou
took me out day before yesterday evening,

we went to see Mrs Smith, Stewart &
Miss Bronghman who was quite sick but
is better, I have just sent her some
home made crackers & some Marshall's
Veil roses. Mrs Stewart told us Flora
Spencer is dying of cancer of the stomach,
poor thing she has no relief of it, the Dr
says she can live only a few months,
Mrs Stewart has lately returned from a
visit to her. Flora Veil has recovered.
Did you hear of Dr Conners marriage to
Miss Carr? I intended to mention it
before this, it was quite a surprise to
every one. I am very glad to hear Mrs
W- has had something more from the
stamps, thanks to you I reckon.

Your Father saw in the paper he was read-
ing at the store, (he walked down this
morning for the first time) a terrible thing
about Albert Somerville of Tschalcoo.
He was in Texas, fell in love with a

concern, she did not return his affection &
did not wish to have anything to do with
him because he drank very hard, one day
he saw her on the street, joined her &
walked nearly home with her, drew a
pistol out of his pocket & shot her through
the temple, she fell, he rolled her over
& shot through the other temple then
fell down on her, her family saw it,
the brother ran out with his gun but
seeing Albert down thought he had shot
himself, the Mother took the gun from
her son, in the mean time Albert jumped
up & ran off, hid himself & was drinking
when found by the police, what a terrible
thing for his Father, but if money will
clear him he will get off, Ben Tomerville
is well off. I am glad you had the
pleasure of hearing some good music, I
would like to hear a Symphony Orchestra.
Your Father is gaining strength, has a

right good appetite, the only trouble is getting something for him to eat, it is scarce times now, but it will not be more than a week before we will have peas in abundance. Here I had to stop, we made a visit to Mrs Charles Collins, they are putting cills under the porch & everything in front was in confusion, however they took us in the back way & invited us in the chamber.

Levin went to Greensboro yesterday afternoon will not return until Saturday evening, of course he wanted to see them all but his main reason for going was to see Judge Christies & others about getting the Medical School ships for this county, he will go

to know before he returns, Polking
 promised to take him fishing if he
 would go. The ladies of Demopolis
 will have a flower show tomorrow from
 4 to 11 o'clock. I would like to take
 some notes but have no way to go &
 am not fitted with a spring outfit.
 have not been able to visit either
 Uniontown or Demopolis. We were to
 have finished cleaning up the church
 yard today but no one here come I
 suppose they think it too warm & it
 is. Nothing from Fred this week, Fanny
 wrote he was very busy had to take a
 trip to Tuskegee to start some experiments
 there & deliver a lecture to the colored
 students. Well I reckon you are tired
 of this scratch so good bye, your
 Father is at the store reading all the
 papers he can borrow to know about
 the Medical Conventions. With much love
 Your devoted Mother.

Resubmit the Professor
 Doctor B. M. Duggan.

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Dearest Boy -

It never, never
ever let a tired person
read proof! Don't ever do
it again. It wasn't the
preface that wasn't clear
but my head, my dear.
Don't change a word of it
and by all means do
not leave out "however"
in p. 2. Send it to you
by Annie so that you can
give it to Prof. Bailey's wife
off. Ever with love
your mother.

Bluffton to La Sunday

My Precious Marie.

Douglas is still
at Ft. Sumner. ~~until~~ ^{the} ~~the~~
day we hope. Though the
weather is dreadful raining
& windy & not much to
interest him. We are well
& struggling to keep cheerful
& happy. I think of you
every hour & wait for you.
My gentle Darling daughter,
Alice, has sent me a Rag &
furry Lamp & an ~~old~~ ^{new} ~~old~~
book quite attractive.

I trust & pray that your
old is better. Aggie is better
& is enjoying. Long's visit
there is no more only that
Mrs. Walker & Brother Judge
McClellan is my dear wife
Leah's brother & she has gone
to Saranac. You had
better write to Mr. Saunders
the beautiful Country House
& send out what is the
mount of your paper. He
won't come here that makes
so we have to write to him.
The weather is so bad long
can't visit the graves at Mt.

Trist cemetery. I suppose
the work has to be done in
the spring. But I don't know
Douglass is not like me
& keeps quiet about most
things. I hope to have
Richard stay with me
when Aggie is cured. In
Chicago. I am kept on the
myself. Love & Miss
to them & the dear children
& accept a heart full of
your dear self from your
Devoted Nance.

With love please,

Moriele Ben (Date?)

'Orr dee Acow Ebu! What a
dear old boy you are and
how nice you are to come so
often into my dreams! Every
single night it is only
of thee, Cor, I dream and
oh! such sweet sweet
dreams!

Do you know that yesterday
was my day for writing

To you, and I didn't do it!
Sold ahead old Remme
Boy. I would just like a sailing
or any other old thing this
afternoon, to cast off the
gloom of this mean dull
day. Really though, I am
wishing for some of its zest
when I know you will not
return the letter for me
and then will read some
in our lunch. I know you
say you like it, but it

can't it quite as much joy to Madrie Padie. But then nothing
to you is always a joy. even when there are forty besommas in the
room, all talking at once! Now however I am all alone at my
little desk (alone except for Chuck who is voraciously reading
"Truth", in the background.) We have just had a funny time.
over Charles and Chuck is still gloating over it. Charles received
a fairly letter the other day which he wouldn't let Chuck see,
but allowed Alice, Agnes, and I to peruse it. (He didn't want Agnes
& I, but I showed it to her!) So yesterday Chuck received a letter
and was just sitting alone read it (Agnes & I having previously read it),
when in comes Char snooping around. He almost asked Chuck
to let him see it, but Chuck was perfectly oblivious and calmly
folded it up and put it in his pocket. And each one of

Mon. to Day Date?
we can hardly restrain our
tears rejoicing!

Say, Benjamin dear, he wrote
you a letter yesterday which
I addressed to you. When
you have read it send it
to your little d'nepe who
will run to in East Aurora.
I have reasons for wishing
to see it. I assure you.

Yes, Dolly, I am to leave
Durham - is it true?
I almost hope so if it means
for seeing my darling Alice!

— on Wednesday evening, Alice
and Char are going down to
Boston with me, and Alice
and I shall stop all day
Thursday and then I will take
the evening train for Buffalo.

I am going to send Lewis
your letter in this. But you
must keep it very carefully,
will you?

Do you suppose Mr. Shaw
will send me some more
Hornes for my collecting?

Tonight I am going to try on all my wedding clothes for
the family to see. All except my wedding dress and I hear
that, they say is too tight. But that is cross because I say
I must put it on. It is not so tight the wedding.

I must go to a Clerk to dine (or lunch) with Miss W. and
Mr. Gaston, in New York. Let's foot.

Please do you realize that this is the fifteenth
of September? In four short weeks you will be just on
the eve of the most momentous step of your life. A more
significant step even than that of finally deciding on your
life work and ambition! Are you properly armed my heroine or
like me, are you so sure of your happiness that your heart beats
no more even for awe? But look out for the Captain!

"Before I trust my fate to Thee,
 Or place my hands in Thine,
 Before I let Thy future give
 Color and form to mine,
 Before I speak all for Thee, question Thy
 soul to. might for me.

I break all slightest bonds, nor feel
 A shadow of regret:
 Is there one link within the Past
 That holds Thy spirit yet?
 Or is Thy faith so clear and free as that
 Which I can pledge to Thee?

Does there within Thy dimmest dreams
 A possible future shine,
 wherein Thy life could henceforth breathe,
 Untouched, unhar'd by mine?
 If so, at any pain or cost, O, tell me
 Before all is lost.

Look deeper still. If thou canst feel,
Within thy sinmost soul,
That thou hast kept a portion back,
Whilst I have stake'd the whole;
Get no false pity spare the blow, but in true
mercy tell me so.

Is there within thy heart a need
That mine cannot fulfill?
O'erlaid that any other hand
Could better make or still?
Speak now - lest at some future day my
whole life wither and decay.

Nay, answer not - I dare not hear,
The words would come too late;
Yet I would spare thee all remorse,
So, comfort thee, my fate -
Whatever on my heart may fall -
remembrance, I would risk it all!

O Captain! Don't be rash,
and think of your
wife and children
& your superior in rank!
Don't mind the samples! I

told Alice, when I first got
your letter, that you told me
but I didn't let on that I felt
chagrined. But as you say -
Key diddle, hi diddle, ho!

Oh Bess I want to ride
a fine "Ole King Cole" beside
you! Don't you teach me or
send some way for me &

leave! And of course I mean
that I would enjoy nothing better
than weighing it with you.
You know I have a splendid
constitution, my Ben, and
can weigh it with the next
fellow.

Daddy sent me a pretty
little Book of wedding Chimes
with a certificate in it. It
is a dear darling old Daddy.
And O L Ben I have another
wedding present! Addie

(The second-girl) gave me a beautiful silver spoon, marked with
M. so you see you can't claim it. Don't she a cracker-jack!

I enclose some little verses & you my D. only.

The baby has just fallen and the house is upset as
Agnes was just getting ready to go to chapel.

All night! Nothing serious. Only a bruised lip. If we took
her on our honeymoon we'd have no time to spoon, dear!

Poor Mrs. McKim! It is very, very sad.

What about Flint in Connecticut? They say Dr. Jenkins was
one of the trustees and he as well as the rest were "on the grab".

Kiss me darling for I am yours very soon
Persis.

My dear Mrs Duggar:-

Many thanks
for the very pretty things I
found on my return yesterday.
Am so sorry to have missed you,
but the work for the bazaar
goes merrily on, and we have
met every afternoon lately as
Mrs Leman, to glue.

The bottles and letter holders
are so pretty, and artistic,
and I believe are the work
of your deft fingers.

Again thanking you, with
the hope of seeing you on
Thursday.

Sincerely,

Harry T. E. Williams

Tuesday morning.

Friday evening

Dearest Maria

In moving our things
out of the chamber our writing
materials have all gotten scattered so
please ^{send} this paper. I am sending "these
few lines" to say that I send along with
this letter a package for the children just
to let them see I am thinking of them
these busy times. The dress is a plain one
for every day wear, the mother not what I
wanted for Lorice but send any way. I
never had such a time in my life trying
to get some thing for 4 mine, the weather
has been so bad I could not go to town.
Dr D- went one day but was much
hurried & did not bring me any thing
as I asked him to do, he is so hard to

drops by directions. This evening we ordered
 a crumb scraper & writer, to be sent you,
 our warm remembrance from Ben & family.
 It will not be so very long before you are
 housekeeping again. I hope you & the dear
 children keep well, this is such searching
 weather, it goes through me & my bones all
 aches, & such a time as I have had! With
 all the fussing I wanted to do for 25 miles & the
 bride, my cook left me a week ago today &
 I have been trying to keep every thing going,
 if it was not for this eating business I could
 get on right well but preparing meals, even
 of simple, & cleaning afterwards takes so
 much time, then there are so many other
 things for me to attend to, interruptions
 without number. I have stopped 4 times
 already since I began writing. Dr D. is not
 good & helpful like your husband, poor

Now I know he is lonely without his family, we all have our trials one way or another, sometimes I think mine greater than any one else's I am getting too old for such ruffling times, 68 on the 14th of this month.

The worst of my present trouble is I can't find a cook any where, or rather there are enough of them, but all want to take their yemas, the Lord only knows how I can get along. Llewellyn will be here Monday or Tuesday & I will not be able to see anything of them for the work, & I know my cooking is not as good as a regular cooks.

Aunt Melville thinks Llewellyn must be getting up in the world to give the bride such a wedding, the paper said there were 5 diamond pendants, you did not mention it as perhaps it was a news paper "fib", right

extravagant if true I think but it was
his money he had earned. I expect at
 Fairfax they will economise to make up
 for as much expenses. I am as confused &
 can hardly remember but think I wrote
 thanking you for your delightful letter, wish
 I could send it to Aunt Washburne. She is moun-
 tain over bad roads, says she can't trust her
 old bones over them to come to see the birds,
 is it too bad!! She & Mary have made
 some beautiful & nice presents also says that
 pleasure I could not have. I am afraid I will
 not be able to write you or Ben again for
 some time, don't be uneasy about me, better
 enclose this scribble to Ben, you & he too must
 please excuse it. & now wishing you both as every
 & happy & nice as you can have & write much
 love, & miss greetings & kisses to the dear little
 ones
 Your devoted
 Mother.

letter a debt to a letter but we cannot
have both often except in that way, is
the reason I do not write a card now to
inquire you about the potatoes, I waited
see Beuben last night before writing
I knew he never would. I am very
much obliged to you but I had enough
put them out last week & sent Beuben
but he would ^{not} say how many he wanted
he says he thinks what I gave him will
be enough. he has had no real toothache
again, but his face was hurting him
when he came, it soon got easy after
being by the fire, some darkie made
raid on his chickens Saturday night
caught a turkey when he cooked & in
his hurry to get up fell over a lathe &

& made such a noise the thief got off
with the chickens, I was afraid they
would do that while he was staying
here as he hadn't even a door on his
run house, Johnnie sent Mr Holcroft up
yesterday to take charge of the Holcroft
place you know he lives on the Adams
place, he is to come over here every day
& go back, Johnnie is certainly a strange
man, to make such a sweeping remark
that he wanted to get rid of all his kin
& have nothing more to do with any of
them, he talked shamefully to Reuben in
the presence of a lot of darkies, of course
Re- is a poor boy & is obliged to save every
cent he can, & to get on with him because
he buys from Mr Brown who sells cheaper
John Henry grinds him whenever he can
& Johnnie told him he ought to pay the
\$8.00 a month then paid Mr \$10.00 while
he was sick here, they had to pay that any
way as Mr H. was in the store & he could

be spared as there was his much of time
as John deducted all the time for it before
James when he went there from the Shaker
place, they charge B- interest for every
thing & then don't pay him any when they
have use of his note, I have been so wor-
ried about it all it has given me the
& to think too of his abusing Mr H- to
conceal he don't give up everything to buy
I reckon Johnnie thinks he had the end
in a sling because he has money & he
do as all do he chooses when we don't buy
& scrape to him but if he don't mind
extravagant & bad children will bring
him to want some day. We will be very glad
to see you & Brother any day you can get
up, have no idea yet when Mr H- will be
back, reckon you have gotten my note by
Mr Blake letting you he had gone to court
in Marion. You think Sissy didn't lose
her nice tan jacket before they ever left
Hannsdale for Mobile, & didn't know it.

about ten minutes before they were to get on
the train, fortunately Bessie Kinge had a
cape she loaned her, but she said they al-
most froze Monday night down on the
river seeing the fire works, & then a large
English steamer came up & cut off the
view, they went on three large vessels, & saw
many sights new to her, she says she saw down
come on the train with Louise Garber & he
passed right under the window where she
was sitting, asked her why she didn't call
to him, but she is too timid & backward for
any thing, I was certainly frightened by the
strange cloud Saturday eve. Mr. H. had
walked out to see for Mr. H. Gilman, his room
was dark & he didn't notice the change & had
to walk home in the mud. I am so sorry
you can't do the fasciators, it is so easy, just
make three long stitches three times & fasten
them in the low place between the shells
& then with a short stitch fasten the last
one of the three to the middle of next shell, but
it will take pleasure in showing you again. Bessie

"Tuesday night"-

Dear Ben:-

Your Mother is
complaining tonight -
has some fever - I
thought yesterday and
cautioned her, not to
worry herself to do all
her store room cleaning in
one day - she became
too warm - It was very damp,
so she cooled off & hence
the indisposition last
night & this day - Yet
I believe she would have
gone to go to Uniontown
had I encouraged her
in the least. Mrs. Wren
is often writing - or Miss
Mary - then she thinks it
her duty to run down to
see them. It is not

now with them as formerly.
 Mrs. Wren has moved way
 up to the Rectory - which is
 a considerable walk for
 her, even when well -
 I do not think it prudent
 for her to go at this time -
any way. & I must make
 application for her good,
 as she can go up equally
 as well if not better some
 time later. If the time is
 hot & she has fever, whether she
 stays or attempts to come home
 it may be bad for her.

Dr. Cobbs was with us
 Sunday, - I was with him at the
 Episc. Council in Montg. - has become
deaf - it is unfortunate -

Do you know whether W. M. Hutchinson
 (a Polytechnic graduate - Auburn) and
 Dr. Tracy of New York have ever accom-
 plished anything with their
 Electrical "aid to hearing" - Had

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them in mind for Dr Cobb's benefit. I fear
his deafness is permanent - although Dr
Kirkpatrick a good specialist (of Selma) is
working on his ear - & thinks a treatment
would benefit him. - I have been very
much troubled with my teeth for several days,
fear I shall be compelled to have an artificial
set for peace of mind & body. The crop outlook
is not promising - bad stands of both the '65 -
My Monticello & Auburn visit was very pleasant;
& I know your mother enjoyed seeing those
grandchildren - Frederic Jr is a capital fellow.
Dechen spent the day with us - all at Mr Harris are either
sick or just getting up. I don't believe it is good for them to live
in that locality. "Lucy" will get them out of it I guess. So I must

as this letter. Proffer Father. close

Sunday night

Dear Sister Mr Blake is here &
all hands have gone to bed but I
must not lose the chance to send
a little note to say that my folks
got home safely yesterday morning
delighted with their trip. But Mr
Harris found a summons here to
be in Marion tomorrow morning, to
court, so to be in time for the early
train he had to go to Newbern this
evening, dont know how long he
will be away, it is too bad for him
to go & he can do no good by it, it
is about some of Mr Gilman's busi-
ness. Benben couldnt stay tonight
as he has to move his corn tomorrow
from the Holcroft place, Johnnie got
mad with him yesterday evening
because he was getting things from
Mr Brown, because he could get
them cheaper, so he asked Re- to

resign his place, & blessed us
all out except you, said you
were the only one that appreciated
any thing he ever did, I am sure
I have tried to show my appreci-
ation for every thing he has ever
done for me, but he has never
liked it because M^r H^e don't
just take this place out of the
Barber's hands & give the business
to him, but he can't do it, it is not
in his power, he told Re- he want-
ed to get rid of the whole connection
I sure I'll never bother him & didn't
know that I ever had, I know he
will be sorry for his move. Loney is
14 today, & tomorrow is M^r B's birthday
M^r H^e I accidentally met Lewie the day
before he left. Didn't see any of Alice's
family, spent an evening at Cousin
William's. Good night with much love
Your aff Sister M^e—

MRD to BMD

456 Indiana Ave.

Chicago Ill. Aug. 22nd.

niece = Anna Gerard Robertson (MRD's
mother)

My dear Benjamin —

This is a lovely
day of sunshine, and I only wish
you were here to help me enjoy
it. There is to be a band concert
in the park this afternoon, so
Rance, Daddy, ^{Brother Robertson} Chuck, and Baby
Don't ^{Robertson} are going. They want me
to go, too, and I think perhaps
I shall. I am not feeling as
jubilantly well to-day as usual
owing to some beautiful peaches

which I foolishly ate yesterday.
I am feeling much better now.
This morning I went to Dr. Wade
again. I am daily losing more
and more my confidence in his
ability. I told you that he put
"putaplecha" in my tooth. It seems that,
awkwardly, he knocked off a piece
and it is lying loose in the abscess.
He probed for fifteen minutes this
morning, but couldn't get it out, so
now he has put in one of "cajaput"^(?)
to dislodge it. Jade rays that is not
much of an antiseptic, and still
it has to remain there until

next Tuesday, however, he says that
he won't be able to finish it up
next week, so the next dentist
will be able to correct any false steps
he makes. Neither the tooth nor
the treatment hurt me, so that
I am O. K.

To-morrow we are going to see
Cousin Mary Campbell. I wish you
were going too.

Nance says that you are a
dorking to stay away so long
before she can have me with her.
I'll send you love, and wish
to have you with us.

Your letter hasn't come as

yet, but I still have hopes that
it will arrive at five o'clock.
I think the Wabash train
that leaves here at 11.03 A.M.
is the one I shall take, if you
think that will be O.K.

I long to see you, darling.
Come to me as soon as you can,
won't you? I love you, love you,
love you, and with a thousand
smiles, smiles kisses, I am,

Your very ownie
Cadrie-Madrie.

Summer,

1298 Main St.

Buffalo, N. Y.
Wednesday.
~~Tuesday~~

Dearest,

I arrived safely last night
and Daddy met me at the depot.
We came directly here and found
Mama waiting in the piazza. After
Louise was safely in bed we sat and
talked down stairs until about ten.
I was as glad not to have to spend
the night in East Aurora, although
when we found that the burglars

were three East Aurdas, ^{Spring} men
The family of one of which was known
to Alice & Daisy we didn't feel so
badly. Last night, however, I was still
sub. consciously nervous for at about
two or three o'clock while I was sound
asleep I heard an awful crash
and I gave a shriek. It sounded
as if it were in my room and
as if it were an explosion. Fortunately
Inanna's room is next mine & we can
speak to each other from our windows
and Papa called out to ask what was
the matter. I lit my gas but could

find nothing in the room so
I've decided that it must have
happened in the next house. I left
my light burning the rest of the
night, though.

It has been excessively hot, and
I do hope that you are not exerting
yourself in this heat. It is too much
exertion for you to have to walk back
and forth to your meals not to speak
of trying to do any thing at your
labouring.

In full the heat Mrs. Babcock
gave a very pretty tea for me yesterday
afternoon. She had a delightful
mint punch made from ginger-ale,
lemon juice, mint cherries, etc. With
that she served the nicest sandwiches
& ^{kinders} ~~kinders~~ ^{peppercorns}, lettuce and cream cheese.
Then she had delicious orange ice
and two delightful kinds of cake.
She is quite a wonderful little
woman, so well, so active & capable.

I think I told you that Church noted
that he wouldn't be able to come.

Please order cooler weather and
I will leave for home a week from to-
day - that is next Wednesday or
Thursday. I long to be with you.

I love you, Darling, with all my heart
and Marie Louise joins me in sending
you much love & affection. Your ever loving
Marie!



My dear Mr. Duggar,
I was very glad to
hear that you had such
a pleasant voyage and
had arrived safely at
Brüderstr. You were
wise to take the northern
route, I think, and enjoy
Tidenach & Weimar later
when it will be prettier
there and you will be better.

prepared to enjoy them.
Yes, I remember St. Marsden.
He used to come around
every day for a chat
with his girl, and he took
us to his room and showed
us the pictures of his family,
I remember. At the last
Town and Town dance Mr. Dwyer
and Dr. Simpson told me all
about your romantic ad-
venture, on ship-board. That
part of your voyage seemed
to have appealed most to
them - probably because
they are both engaged. You
know we have concluded

that Dr. Simpson is engaged to
some flaxen haired German girl
since he is going back this summer
again.

Leuven Antwerp an
interesting place to land. One
really feels that one is three
thousand miles from ones native
land. No, we didn't climb up
the Cathedral tower tower in C.
but we did go to that gruesome
Wierzy museum in B. and dreamed
for weeks afterward of looking
through those holes at all sorts
of horrible monstrosities. I wonder
if you didn't go out to Belle-Alliance
from Brussels. I thought we should
never escape from the hands of the
beggars there. It was so cold & filthy.

I see you are beginning well by
impatienting yourself in the
estimation of the Europeans. After
Pfenning Trainfeld discreetly yours
is well invested, we found.

Well, despite all you have been
enjoying, you have been missing
some exceptionally lovely spring
days here. The blossoms on the fruit

Trees are all out and the
trees are green again so
the world  in general
looks bright. I should be
quite optimistic now if it
were not for my thesis, which
is still the source of my
troubles. In a week though
I hope to have it finished.
Last Sunday I went for
the loveliest walk, way,
way up Six Mile Creek.
We found the May flowers
all out, some violets - those
pretty pale blue ones, and
a little arbutus. The moon
rose early and we came

back down the Creek by
moonlight and it was so
beautiful. Saturday Wel-
Dennis and I took a lovely
drive down on this side of
the lake. I went home with
her then and we had
strawberry shortcake. Oh
I don't want you to forget
all the attractions of Ithaca.
I am sure you hadn't had
strawberry shortcake in
Leipzig. Then Mr Richard
Mansfield was here last
Thursday in Cyano & Blue
he was fine and with a splendid
company - and then you
missed our Alpha Phi

dance. We were sorry you could
not be there. You see I must try
to retaliate by trying to make
you as envious as you make me.
Leipzig though is the place we did
not see. ^{I wonder is Nickish conducting in S. now.} I wish I knew some
interesting news to tell you but
not knowing your friends well
I have no gossip about them to tell
you. Pardon me for insinuating
that 'gossip' might interest you.
A few Sundays ago Dr. Dick of
the American pastor in Berlin
was here. He was visiting all the
Universities getting money for an
American church in Berlin. I believe
Cornell gave money for a Cornell ^{ch.}
so if they build this year you
may be able to sit in it when
you go to Berlin.

Oh, I must tell you - I had
such a nice letter from Miss
Waggoner. Dean White wrote
right away for me for the position
and I am waiting a reply. Thank
you very much indeed for being
so kind to write to her about me.

You asked me for Mr. Sharp's initials. I am not authority on Mr. Sharp but I think the address Mr. C. H. Sharp, Cascadilla Place, would reach him.

I suppose you are in a German fession, talking, eating, drinking, dreaming even in German. You have learned, too, to say 'gesegnete Mahlzeit' haven't you. A man I knew said that when

he couldn't think of
anything else to say he
always said "yes yes" ^{well} ₂₄

I hope that you have
found a pleasant place
to stay and that you
are enjoying your new
experiences.

Very sincerely,

Nettie T. Blaine.

April Thirtieth.



1907

Graduate School
Michigan Agricultural College
East Lansing

Thursday P.M.

My dearest Madrie, On the way to the Bessey's this noon I found my stirring - fine letter, with the inclosure of Mother's. I was so glad to hear that you were all snug and not too snug. You would have thought that I were ten years younger - the way I was buoyed up by this "cheque from home" - so much effect was there, in fact, that I simply had to swon Bessey with his own kind of pun. Warren was the other guest. Well, we had a nice and simple dinner, and after dinner I went through the botanical building and garden with Bessey.

I have seen Dr. Trow and told him that I cannot remain next week. He has secured Bessey for one talk, and doubtless will be able to work up others. I want to get home to my Love, and I don't want to be all broken up with my work at M. A. C. just for a few days - would you?
Am just away for the morning for some terrible 'lovesome' although there are many people about. Of course I am glad to meet them, your own devoted
Benj.

No P.M.
But after 8.10
has children

My dear Son

I can't tell you how glad I
was to have your letter this morning & learn
from it that sickness was not the cause of
your not writing. I am so glad you are coming
by the 20th hope there will be no great
delays. Your Father is writing all he could
find out about the route. I want to say that
Dr Moore (if he still keeps hotel) does not
keep meat rooms. He is very accomodating tho'.
I have never been to the other Hotel. It is
unfortunate that you arrive there in the
night. I hope the weather will be good &
the child does not take cold. We have a nice
little cow to furnish them milk, add the
old, hard to milk, dry cow & bought her.
Lorrie's work is certainly very good, so much
too for one day. I expect you are all proud of

her stars. I will write the boys of the
time of your coming & hope they can spend
at least two or three days with you. It is
late as with much love to you all I will
say good night

Your devoted

Mother.

I think your Father has made it rather
"mixed" about telegraph & phone. Should
you wish to telegraph it could be done through
Mr Holda & he phone to us, sending the
message to Mr Powell's house.

DR. MAX W. MYER
2884 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD
SAINT LOUIS

My dear Duggar.

I was delighted to
see in the paper this
morning that you are
again to become a
husband. It will
be fine to have the
Duggar family in St. Louis
and I look forward with
much pleasure to seeing
all of you again -
I am leaving this

morning for the State
Medical Society, and
will spend Sunday in
Columbia with the
Conv. You may
be assured that
you will be one of the
subjects of discussion.

With best wishes and sincere
regards to Mrs. Duggan, the
children & yourself.

Truly yours.

Max Wagner

Saturday

Mrs.?

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Dear old pal:

I was just on the point of
writing you when your dear letter
came. As usual I was overjoyed
to hear from you. I thought several
times of telling Harry to send you
a postal but I didn't because I
knew you would rather wait a few
and get more than a mere amuse-
ment. Well, he's got to tell you some
time and I may as well do it at once
and have it over the another way!!
He has been here since the 29th of Jan

I was two weeks at the hospital then
I came over here to 900 Conley where I
am having a good rest while Mary
holds the fort up on the hill.

I am feeling simply fine and sturdy
as you say. Had a perfect snap at the
hospital, in comparison, that is. The baby
weighed ten pounds. We certainly has
the rest of the family beat as far as
looks go. I realize this is not saying a
great deal. I thought I could not love
him at first but he is so humble and
apologetic that he has found a way
to our hearts in spite of ourselves. He

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seems to realize that he is a fourth-
try and a drug on the market.

I am trying to persuade his father to let
me call him Henry Morris.

I know you enjoyed your evening evening
with the fascinating Whipples. They are
certainly the limit. And that little kid!
It's a good thing that art not fond of him.

You will be sorry to hear that Mrs. Bird
is not expected to live as the result of an
operation caused by the "burying" of Dr.
Meyer at Pagis with. Dr. Bird wrote a
few days ago that she was not expected to
live through the night but no one had
heard or word since she has probably

lived through several nights - and is on
the road to recovery. You know he is
something of an alarmist. Madam Brown
has been very ill but is up and about
again. You probably get all the Columbian
news from Mrs. Kelly. By the way, I
do not like that extensive neighbor of
yours; you never write without saying
something nice about her and Louis
seems to be forever playing with Frank.
Isn't this a sweet Auntie Spirit?

Tell Louis I am expecting on her more
than ever I have filled my house up with
boys trying to have a daughter and will have
to wait now for daughter-in-law

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Mamma has given orders for me to sit
down and to know you are glad
to get me some encouragement if you
possibly can, and tell me about my
Phaca by Mamma sends you much
love and says tell you the baby is real
me if he is a boy.

Truly your friend
E. H. Belden.

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Dear Mr —

with separate cover

I am sending you some new
rhymes (signed to Edmund Sears!) which
I hope you will feel justified in publishing
— perhaps in time for Christmas next
year. The small son of one of my neighbors
(a delightful philosopher and "celebrated" ^{and} friend)
got hold of an old copy of Webster's Dictionary
with animal pictures in the back. The question
that came first & first, especially "what is the
use of a leech?" And what does a leech
do?" resulted in these rhymes. ^{by the little} ~~leech~~
Small trunk is devoted to my little Louis
"Dr. Gladly asked Louis's mamma & drew
some pictures for "Frank and Louis's Book
of animals". The children added these
with more
big mouthfuls of long words.

Knowing you publish the work of such
intelligently delightful illustrators as Kate
Merrill, Oliver Herford & others I feel

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Wednesday Mch. 19

Near Beaumont, Texas,
about 9 P.M.

Do I need an excuse
for scribbling to you again to-
day, Darly? It will be past
eleven when I reach Houston
tonight, and tomorrow morning
I take a fairly early train to
Kongales. You must overlook
shorthand, though, for you know
what it is to write while the
cars are writhing forward. Do
you remember what a sweet letter
you wrote me en route from
Durham to East Aurora? We
have had some happy times en-

the train together. Think of that
Syracuse trip, that Pennsylvania
stroll, that Sunday glide down
the Erie, and by no means least,
that Anniston - Gallion trot! ☺
but it is a fine thing to have
the sweetest little girl in all the
world whom I love with all my
whole heart and soul! It makes
leaving her all the harder, and
staying away a whole day (al-
ready) seem an age and a half,
and yet there is untold satis-
faction in having it mean
so much, Darling.

We were off from New Orleans
on time, so I did not even
get a glimpse of the old
city again. For many hours

the trip was through those absolutely level, black sugar cane lands, here and there crisscrossing rickety from the Gulf, bayous, and the like. Occasionally there were short halts at rather primitive looking towns. French and Italian vendors of fruit crowded around whenever there was a chance to make a nickel. At one place where a stop of ten minutes was made the tourists amused themselves making the kids scramble for pennies thrown from the car windows.

Then the nice lands were seen, and beyond these cotton again. Now we are out of

the region of cotton even, and I judge that the pine flats are at hand. I am glad that we are on time, for I am "good and tired", and if I don't sleep tonight and dream of my Persia dear, I'll know the reason why. You know I thought you were with me last night; and I could not realize what was the matter when I awoke at the call of the bell racking out to find that my little girl was not by my side.

Do you want to know what I had for dinner? Chicken, ^{sauté} asparagus tips, and a cup of tea. I was not so hungry at

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supper time, so contented myself with Corn beef hash on mashed potatoes and two boiled eggs. The Pullman has been so crowded all day that I have hardly been able to "stretch my legs", and I am glad that I cannot make connections to go through tonight.

I wonder what my Bonnie is doing tonight, and if she is getting along gloriously. You must tell me all about how you pass the time, Doodling, and how you think you will be able to stand the country for so long. If I am down at Leesville

it will be so long before
I get a letter that I shall
feel like telegraphing. You
must be a very sweet girl
to your d' husband Loryer and
tell him many times that
you love him, that you miss
him, - as in the old times,
only more.

I have made out a list
of letters due, and it is
enormous. We owe the Madam
a note. Do you want to write
it? Perhaps I could send
a short note when next I

get rested at a good hotel.

The vision of my own dar-
ling Sivife is so real before
me that I feel like calling
aloud to her, and drawing her
to my lap, as if I had just
come back from work, and
she had donned her pink
waist to tell me that she loved
me.

Adieu, sweet Love. Ben

Today I have read *Tea Culture*
and several other pamphlets, but now
the old ship rocks too much for
anything. your K.C.

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Tuesday -

Dear Ben:-

We are all well & Ruben came in before dinner & brought the papers signed & witnessed properly.

A terrible spell of bad weather has been upon us - but so far we are comfortable. Hope yr little family keep free from the troubles of the day. Many of the old negroes & some of the whites only a few have succumbed.

Mr Belle Duffam Young & her daughter Dolly, are here with me - Dolly has the Prairie View Academy 13 scholars, - apparently they are pleased with the conditions around us.

Reuben does not look as
well as he did in the
Fall months - We can't
see the relations - very
little passing about.
We have plenty of Coal &
wood & a Cook in the
Kitchen - not telling how
she'll stay, as they are
very whimsical these
days & independent.
You understand from Fred's
directions - Sign papers - agree-
ment with Henry's Seal, - but
the notes require only my name.
Send to Henry
& direct him to forward all
to W. A. Duggan

Carrizozo, New Mexico -
with same directions -
Love to all, W. Foster. *W. A. Duggan*

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Washington D. C.,

Union Sta., St. Louis.

7:15 P.M. Tuesday,

Darling Madrie, We arrived late this
afternoon, and after eating a hasty
supper I can only send you a tele-
graphic message of love to tell you I
am here. I know that I shall
be so rushed tomorrow morning in
catching a 7 A. M. train that there
will be no time even to send love
to my own little doddling & Mafie, of
whom I think all the while; and
now again I send her a whole
big heart full of love, and am
Herb, Ben.

Here Again!

Dr. & Mrs. Geo. Mueller



Dear Dr. Duggar,

We think and speak of
you often and wish you
could drop in for a visit.

George enjoys his teaching.
I've started two new problems
on a 'slow fire' - one on polio
virus and the second on
cholesterol with George as the

brains in the organization and
me the "yes woman".

I concocted the enclosed
samples in my kitchen lab.

Best wishes from the 2 of us,

Anne & George
MEYER

FORMER
STUDY

Dear Mother
I wish
I could see the
baby. I am so
glad that Maggie
is nice. I am
having a nice time.
I know several
girls now and like
them very much.
Tell Benjamin
that we have not
sold all of the
soldiers and the
reason I am not
sending him his

money yet is because
Aunt Alice says
for me to wait until
I have sold them
all so that she
can put the money
into a check. We
went and saw
the picture - show
and saw little red
riding hood. We saw
the Amycillis flowers show
give love to all the family
keep most for your self but
George and Nancy

Dear Mother

I am so
glad that you sit
up in a wheel chair
for one or two hours
father tells us.

How are you, and
the old family?
We have not seen
the Capitol yet
or the white house
where the Preside
nt lives, but
we hope that we
soon will. We

go to school here
and like it very
much. There's a little
girl next door the
that I like very
much. Kiss the
baby for me.

Give my love
to the rest of the
family but keep
most of it your-
self. Your
loving daughter
Nancy and son
GEORGE

(at Washington D.C. with the
Charles Parsons

Dear Pop-

Jan 17th

I seem to have maintained a pretty strict silence since leaving Madison, but have figured that Nancy was keeping you in touch with the general trend of events. Most of our honeymoon trip was well refrigerated, to say the least, and some of the clambering over the mountain was a bit too strenuous for " tenderfeet " like ourselves. But it all went to make up a number of new experiences to add to our common memories.

After a week in our new establishment we feel very much settled and are very happy in our initiation to domestic life. I am constantly amazed at Nancy's prowess in the kitchen, and she has started right out to make a fine home for us. In fact I find that I am only just now beginning to realize what a truly wonderful girl I have for my wife. In general I don't think there is any imminent danger of a divorce action!

I must say I was in general quite thoroughly unconscious the afternoon of the wedding, but the general impression I got, and this has been supported by all reports, was that it was a very beautiful and successful affair. Certainly it was

graced by the loveliest of brides. It certainly makes a fine memory on which to look back, and this part of the family certainly appreciates all the work and worry necessary on your part to make it so.

Our apartment is quite comfortable and roomy, and we can gradually add a touch here and there to make it more individual. Nancy is handling things wonderfully, and I think rather enjoys the new experiences of planning and providing on her own initiative. Altogether we are entirely happy, and in getting to know her increasingly well, I feel that I am getting in closer touch with all of you. It's a grand sensation to "inherit" another whole family all at once, and I hope I'll have the opportunity to increase my acquaintance considerably in the years ahead. But that means that you will have to come out here now and then as well as the occasional visit that I hope will be able to make.

All of the baggage was here upon our arrival, and we certainly thank you for all this follow-up work which seems to be an inevitable anticlimax of all such matrimonial encounters.

With my very best to Elsie and yourself and the younger folks as well -

Jack

(from John Farnham Adams,
Sen. - in Law
to B. M. L. Elsie was in St. Paul)

Mt. Vernon, Wash.
Nov. 15th

Dear Dr. Duggar,

Your fine letter certainly made good reading, and this evidence of your approval added to Nancy's grounds for the picture of a wonderful future together. As I have told Nancy before, I can't think of any good reason why it took me so long to tumble to the fact that she was the only girl with whom I could ever be entirely happy. But post mortems are not in order at a time like this, for I find it very easy to occupy myself with plans for our future to the exclusion of more mundane matters, and even business, at times, I fear.

As you intimate, I haven't been very backward in proposing a wedding at an early date, and I heartily appreciate your willingness to support my cause. But I really couldn't see any particular necessity to delay things once we had agreed on the fundamentals, and I must say that I find it rather lonely out here, loving Nancy as much as I do!

I certainly hope that your plan to forego the winter meetings isn't made in reference to our plans, for I hope very much that the wedding can be set for a time when several of my very good friends on the faculty can be there. In fact my own acquaintances in Madison are limited pretty much to University circles, and I hold in very high regard those with whom I worked closely while there.

But as I understand it, Nancy will be home towards the end of the month and you and she can no doubt work it out to good advantage. My family is mighty happy at the prospect of her being with them this coming weekend, and she will be able to meet several of us who won't be able to get out to Madison later. In fact I can give you pretty good assurance that the deluge of my relatives will be very light, altho to be sure your hospitable offer is heartily appreciated.

Your letter certainly made me feel well removed from the stranger list of the Duggar household, and it means a great deal to me to know that Mrs. Duggar and yourself feel towards me as you do. I hope that as you get to know me better you will feel increasingly that your judgement is vindicated.

Sincerely - Jack Adams